

## Talking Points

### **VOTE YES ON HR 4691, Abortion Non-Discrimination Act NO ON MOTION TO RECOMMIT**

***Doctors and hospitals should not be forced to perform abortions against their will.***

- HR 4691 is simply a clarification of current law. This existing nondiscrimination statute (42 USC 238n) that Congress overwhelmingly approved and **President Clinton signed into law** in 1996, protects “health care entities” from being forced by the government to perform abortions. **Because of judicial misinterpretation, HR 4691 is needed to clarify that “health care entities” include all health care organizations, including hospitals.**
- In recent years, there has been a growing nationwide effort to attack the conscience rights of Catholic and other private health care providers. Alaska courts have assumed they have the authority to force private hospitals to provide abortions as a condition for receiving federal funds or for full participation in the health care system.
- It is imperative that we clarify the protections contained in current law to ensure that **no hospital is forced to perform abortions against its will.**

### **The Following Organizations support HR 4691**

- **These organizations will score the vote**

National Right to Life Committee \*  
Concerned Women for America \*  
Eagle Forum \*  
Americans United for Life \*  
Traditional Values Coalition \*  
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops  
Association of American Physicians and Surgeons  
Catholic Health Association  
Catholic Medical Association  
Center for Law and Religious Freedom  
Christian Coalition  
Christian Legal Society

Christian Medical Association  
Christus Medicus  
Cornerstone Policy Research  
Democrats for Life of America  
Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission,  
Southern Baptist Convention  
Family Research Council  
Focus on the Family  
Lutherans for Life  
National Association of Pro-Life Nurses  
National Council of Catholic Women  
National Organization of Episcopalians  
for Life

Presbyterians Pro-Life  
Seamless Garment Network  
Seventh Day Adventists World  
Headquarters  
Susan B. Anthony List  
The SALT

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